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Subject: Ziegler Gilsonite Mines Reclamation Contract review

Joelle,

I have reviewed the reclamation contract for Ziegler Gilsonite Mines in Uinta county that you faxed over and it looks fine. As you pointed out, the phrase "the said" in the notary block has been crossed out. I see two issues: 1) Who crossed it out and 2) were they intending to change the meaning of the statement.

If the notary crossed it out and she is willing to initial the phrase as a way of indicating she was the person who crossed it out, that is good. As I read the statement, I do not think it changes the meaning. But if the notary was intending to change the meaning of the statement by crossing out the phrase, then we need to know how she meant her statement to change. I would ask her e-mail you (or send you a letter) indicating that she was the person who struck through the phrase "the said" and that she did not intend for the strike through to change the meaning of her statement. I don't believe it is worth sending the original back to her to fix, but a written clarification would be helpful for the Division's file so there is no question about why the phrase was struck through when you or someone else from the Division looks at the contract years from now. You might print out this e-mail and place it in the file as well.

If questions please call.